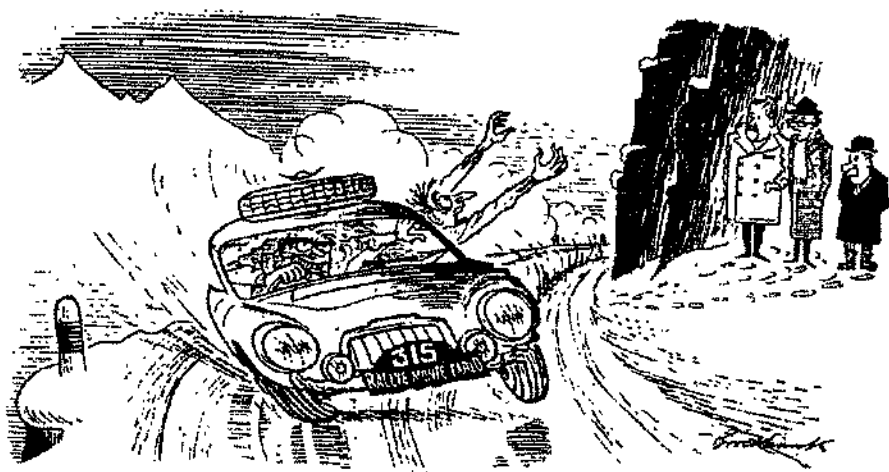


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EDITOR

Well I managed to recover from the Dinner Dance, only to be faced with my monthly task of producing this magazine. Anyway as I am typing this in to the computer, I know that I am on the last leg.

The Dinner Dance went down very well, with those people who attended. The D.J. was good and came up with some good games for us to play, including the grand finally. Just say to Ken "Malcolm Sergeant" Goodall three up, two down and just see the reaction. Nice one Ken.

This month I have had a bit of a struggle to get every thing in, so you might find one or two of the regular items in a different place. Stuart Marsh's piece on marshalling is right at the back. It included the next two big events. The first being the "what shall we name it this year rally" last year the Cartel this year the Talkland, and the second is the York National.

Stuart Marsh and myself will be organising the April Fools Autotest on the 7th April, so if anyone would like to help or assist us in anyway please talk to either of us anytime. The sooner the better.

Well that is all I can manage for this month, I will try to say more next month so until then, bye for now.

DEREK LEE

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 1991

FROM THE CHAIR

As you will see, we have some further comments on the views of our Secretary on the RAC Rally, not least of which being from John Richardson - what better authority to offer the other view ? "Letters to the Editor" give you the Club Member the opportunity to voice your opinions and it is good to see this happening. Surely others among you have thoughts you would like to share, they do not by necessity have to be as controversial as John McNichol's!

We must not forget that space on these pages is available for event reports as well. It would be nice to see regular columns from all of you, on what you have been up to, be it marshalling, competing or just plain watching. Share your enthusiasm with us all and hopefully encourage others to do likewise. Tell us about your demon tweeks for the coming season, or your latest racing thermal underwear.

A current, rather depressing feature is the lack of support from members for those who take on the task of organising events or special stages only to have to seek assistance from other clubs to fulfil that task embarked upon. Any ideas to rectify this problem would be gratefully received. It always seems to be the same faces who come forward to volunteer. I know that the timing of events/stages doesn't appeal/suit everybody but that can not be the only reason can it ?? Perhaps a discussion at the next open forum(s) can throw up some ideas.

What we must all bear in mind is that no matter what events we get involved in - in whatever capacity - even if only as a spectator these events do not just "happen" and as members of a motor club it is us that are supposed to make things happen via personnel involvement. The April Fools Autotest now has an organising team in Stuart Marsh (Clerk of the Course) and Derek Lee (Secretary of the Meeting), so they will be needing assistance on the day (7th April). Stuart is taking on the Role for the first time, on an autotest, so is an example to those who shy away from a task because the

"haven't the knowledge" - there's plenty of help and experience close at hand !

Richard Ineson
CHAIRMAN

SECS BIT

Having managed to survive the Dinner Dance for another year with no more than the usual hangover, it's back to writing the piece for our esteemed magazine.

The RAC controversy rumbles on with out me firing it up so this month's topic for thought or discussion is, why don't we as a club adopt a charity? Motorsport is seen as a selfish, anti-environment pastime, it would do no harm for us to present ourselves as the human, caring people we are. At the Dinner Dance this year we raised £70 in ten minutes with a Dutch auction which we gave to charity. I am sure we have many opportunities over the year to earn a few pounds extra which could go to some deserving cause.

A few years back Bury AC ran the "Torque Bac Charity Rally". I do not think for a second it's aim was to benefit charity particularly but they NEVER had problems with PR - after all, you have got to be pretty mean to object to a "charity" rally!

For my own part I would like to see us contribute to Duncan Walker's team at Killingbeck for the work they do in child heart surgery. I am sure we all have our own local cause we identify with. Maybe we could change each year, but it is quite feasible to raise £500 a year - so come on, any supporters??

John McNichol
HON SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Whew! Now I can breathe again! The Dinner Dance is out of the way once more so I can start ventures anew and try make this an exciting social year :-

FEBRUARY

- 5 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
OPEN FORUM
- 12 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)
FREE SANDWICHES
- 19 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)
- 26 Barleycorn, Collingham (104/392 460)
FREE SANDWICHES

MARCH

- 5 New Inn, Eccup
CHAMPION SPARKPLUGS DEMONSTRATION
- 12 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
FREE SANDWICHES
- 19 Windmill, Linton
- 26 Barleycorn, Collingham
FREE SANDWICHES (Did someone make a special request for Tuna ?)

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DINNER DANCE - Well, I hope you all enjoyed it, I certainly did. Full marks for our Chairman, what a superb job he did (no more nightmare's now Richard!) Ten out of ten also for our Secretary. We can always rely on John to deliver an interesting presentation along with Ronnie Mac.

I would personally like to acknowledge my thanks to our unsung heroines - Christine Goodall, thanks very much for all your help throughout the year (I promise you won't have to sell raffle tickets for a while). Thanks also to

Brenda Ineson once again for doing a beautiful job on the name cards. (Will you teach me how to write, please!) Ann Bean for helping me sell raffle tickets at the Dinner Dance. Thanks to Becky Kemp, who donated an autographed broolly, which was bought by our D.J. at the Dutch auction, and ultimately donated to The Alan Powell Society. Becky's broolly raised £70 and the D.J. (alan Kent) nominated Cancer Research as the recipient charity.

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FORTHCOMING..... Watch this space !!

Dates have not yet been finalised for the following but I will let you know as soon as I arranged them :-

Kart Racing ...

Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition ...

Sportonoggin ...

Table Top Rally ...

Peter Black Museum Visit ...

Normal events such as Boat Trip, Barbeque, etc. will be held, these are just a few extras.

FIESTA TURBO DRIVE - TATES OF LEEDS

Unfortunately, Tates were unable to do an en' masse test drive for us. I have however, passed your details onto Trevor Pulford at Tates, who will contact you all individually. You can then arrange a mutually agreeable date.

Well, I think that will keep me going for quite some time.

See you all soon I hope.

Anne Moffat

SOCIAL SECRETARY

1990 TROPHY WINNERS

For all of those who missed a super night at the Lawnswood, more fool you, I thought I would tell you who won what of our trophy list :-

P.C.T. Trophy	- Peter Green
Autotest Trophy	- Richard Ineson
Runner up Autotest	- Matthew Ineson
Off Road Shield	- Ron MacKinnon
Jacwil Trophy	- Ken Goodall
Willy Wonker Trophy	- Steve Sanderson/Rob Buchan
Service Crew Shield	- Tracy Hugill/Claire Bell
Marshals Trophy	- Arthur Heaton
Yorkshire League Trophy	- Ron MacKinnon
Trackrod Trophy	- Peter Stanhope
Newman Trophy	- Susanne Stanhope
SPY 44 Trophy	- Ron MacKinnon
Best Lady Competitor	- Susanne Stanhope
Single Venue Driver	- Tom Whittaker
Stage Navigator	- Peter Green
F.S.B. Driver Shield	- John Fairweather
F.S.B. Navigator Shield	- Ron MacKinnon
A.N.C.C. Driver	- Arthur Heaton
A.N.C.C. Navigator	- Ron MacKinnon
Lloyds Multi Venue Driver	- John Fairweather
J&B Trophy, Best Event	- Peter Stanhope/Richard Ineson
Myers Memorial, Best Novice	- Andrew Apperley
Forster-Shell, Best Trier	- Alan Powell
Chairman's Trophy	- Mark Brier

Hope to see you all at next year's do.

Ronnie MacKinnon

TROPHY POINTS SEC.

(I wonder if we might see a few different names up there next year. My fingers are sore with typing in - Ron MacKinnon 5 times -ED)

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TALKLAND INTERNATIONAL RALLY

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Yes, its time again for the Delacy International Rally, time fly's when you are enjoying yourself. Talking of time flying I don't seem to have thanked everyone who made the effort to come out and help on the RAC, contrary to John McNichol's views some people still enjoy the event and support what they do. I know they are not perfect and they are the first to accept that, but some do not appreciate the enormity of the task of organising an event with such vast following from people from all over the world.

But I am not going to get into this anymore in this article, if I get time later I will put some more down.

Back to the Talkland event our stage is a combination of Staindale and Bickley using the Forest Drive twice. Stage is live at **04.25** first car due at **05.55** on the Sunday morning. We will be setting the stage up on the Saturday all help would be welcome. Please see me, Barry Dove or Stuart Marsh for details.

Thank you again those who came out on the RAC and thank you in anticipation for the Talkland. Lets not be out numbered by the other assisting clubs

John Renny
STAGE COMMANDER

TROPHY POINTS SYSTEM 1991

1991 brings a new year, and this year it also brings the first major change in our trophy points system.

It has been decided by your hard working committee to have a total re-structure of the system allowing a greater amount of members to gain some recognition at our Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Presentation for their success during the year.

As before, claims must be in writing as soon after the results are published as possible, so we know who's doing what. Remember, 3 months is the deadline for claims, and I will be strict this year. Also, do not expect me to have my crystal ball around all the time !!

This year we have dropped the ANCC scoring system and we are only using the F.S.B. system for all events, so here it is to remind you all :-

Position	Closed, Clubman and Restricted	National	International
1st Overall	20 points	25 points	35points
down to	19,18,17	24,23,22	34,33,32
5th overall	16 points	21 points	31 points
1st in Class	15 points	20 points	30 points
down to	14,13,12	19,18,17	29,28,27
10th in class	6 points	11 points	21 points
other finishers	5 points	10 points	20 points
non-finishers	3 points	5 points	10 points

Some trophies have been moved around and some count towards different events,

e.g. Autotest Trophy - was TMC events only / now all events count 8 best scores to count.

1. RALLY AND SPEED SHOP TROPHY (Autotests only)

Trophy for the winner and the runner up. All types of event to count (RAC, ANCC, TMC) Best 8 scores to count.

2. DICKINSON TROPHY (PCT's only)

Trophy for winning driver. All events to count. Best 8 scores only.

3. MARSHALS TROPHY

All events to count. Scoring - 5 points per day.

4. SERVICE CREW TROPHY (Stage Rallies only)

All events to count. Scoring - 5 points per day.

5. OUTSIDE EVENTS TROPHY (Off Road only)

All events to count. (Rallycross, Autocross, Races, Hillclimbs SPRINTS, etc.) Best 8 events to count.

6. YORKSHIRE LEAGUE AWARD

All events, max of 10 in League to count.

7. SPY 44 TROPHY

Events to count are (driver only) Autotest, Rallycross, Sprints, PCT's, Hillclimbs and (driver and navigator) Road and Stage Rallies. Best 5 events to count, but these must include three different types.

8. LADIES AWARD (Best Lady Competitor)

All events to count. Best 8 scores to count.

9. HUNTERS TROPHY

All Navigational Scatters and Treasure Hunts. Best 5 to count.

10. (i) Best Stage Rally Driver - Arnold G. Wilson Trophy

2nd " " " - Lloyds Stage Trophy

3rd " " " - Crest Trophy

(ii) Best Stage Rally Navigator - Dickinson Navigator Trophy

2nd " " " - Gordon Jefferson Trophy

3rd Best Stage Rally Navigator - T.B.A.

Best 8 scores to count. Maximum of 3 National events or 2 International events.

11. Best Road Rally Driver - F.S.B. Driver Trophy
Best Road Rally Navigator - F.S.B. Navigator Trophy
Best 8 scores to count.

12. TRACKROD TROPHY (All Rounder)

TMC events only to count. Scoring :-

Organising events - 15pts for Sec of Meeting & C of C.

10pts for named in Regs.

5pts all others.

Competing on events - 5pts all finishers.

3pts non-finishers.

Social event organiser, max 3 people - 5pts per event.

Any clubnight with signing on sheet - 2pts.

13. NEWMAN CUP (All Round Lady)

Scoring as for Trackrod Trophy. (Ladies only)

14. WILLY WONKER TROPHY

Best crew on Indoor Rallies. All rounds to count.

15. SCALEXTRIC TROPHY

F.T.D. wins this, if we have any Scalextric evenings.

16. I & B TROPHY

To our Clubs best organised event. Awarded by the Committee.

17. MYERS MEMORIAL SHIELD (To the Clubs Best Novice)

Awarded by the Committee to the best newcomer to the sport during the year.

18. FORSTER-SHELL TROPHY

Awarded to the Best Trier throughout the year. Awarded by the Committee.

19. CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

Awarded by the Chairman, with the Committee's Help!!

Nominations will be accepted and debated.

Should you have any idea's concerning this new system, please contact me and I will put your suggestions to the committee for next year.

Happy and successful motoring.

Ronnie MacKinnon

TROPHY POINTS SECRETARY

RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the Trackrod Newsletter of February 1972.

Reports included one on our Novices Rally on which the course car, the Twin Cam of Richard Jackson, broke its clutch activating arm. This was at the control manned by Ken Goodall, whose RS 1600 was robbed of the vital part by Steve Hazeldine and fitted to the "twink". It was not reported how Ken got home!

There had been an A.G.M. which was very well supported, nothing but praise for the efforts of the Committee and everyone full of enthusiasm for the future. The treasurer reported that our assets totalled £69.05p which everyone thought demonstrated our solvency and healthy financial position - how times change! Oh yes, subs were due at £1.50 a shot with a 25p penalty for those not renewed by the end of March - high stakes these(!)

Finally - it says here that the Committee expanded by 3 at the A.G.M. now included one Ken Goodall !!

Trackrodends

Richard Ineson

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

May I be permitted to respond to Hon Sec's comments in the December magazine concerning the RACMSA in general and the Lombard RAC Rally in particular.

While clearly John felt like "having a go", which he has every right to do, I do think that a slightly different point of view should be considered.

Taking John's points in order :-

1. Do not ever worry about being critical of either the RACMSA or the Lombard RAC Rally. I have been extremely critical of both over many and still am. Things progress because of response to constructive criticism being made about regulations, situations or problems which are unsatisfactory. Only by highlighting errors and offering acceptable solutions do things improve.

2. Road Rallying.... Police Chief Constable's throughout England and Wales, through ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) expressed the view to the RACMSA "If you don't put your house in order, we will!" This was brought to a head on the 1986 Illuminations Rally, a Motoring News Championship round run by Morecambe Car Club, when Cumbria Police Officers with radar equipment were checking speeds of vehicles. The course car passed them and recorded 124mph.... so they threw the gun in the back of the police car as it was clearly faulty. Car 1 was next along - Ron Beecroft - the replacement gun showed 131mph !! The Chief Constable was not impressed by being advised of this before midnight on a Saturday evening on a Cumbria B road. You may say the Clerk of the Course was at fault in using such a road, you would be absolutely correct, but clearly the Parliamentary regulations for motorsport were being flagrantly abused and this had to be contained!

Without the changes imposed by the RACMSA, all motorsport using the public roads, from treasure hunts, navigational scatters, classic trials, even stage rallies at all levels, would have been on very thin ice for w while and possibly completely lost to us in the form we know them. Navigational rallies are now gaining both acceptance and popularity and should be attempted by club members. They are a true test of combined skills, particularly from the left hand seat. Anyone wishing to contemplate these should talk to Roland "Rat" Cross who runs the ANCC Road Rally Championship. (He will be an absolute mine of information.)

3. Timing.... the Lombard does use what is called Continental Timing which is used by all World Championship events and indeed, most rallies in the world other than the UK. In fact this has produced a slower schedule for the competitors than previous systems and with service areas now available adjacent to most stages, the timing/service problem is now reduced.

4. Notes.... not pace notes but reconnaissance notes (they are very different) were provided in 1990 following requests from the manufacturers. While it really did not make that much difference to the front runners, the clubmen, both domestic and from abroad thought they were wonderful! The character of the Lombard is long, wet, dark, icy and snowy and all this happened. I am not aware of any competitor complaining that the character of the event had altered after they had completed the event. Everyone that I was in discussion with thought it was as difficult and demanding as ever and were very pleased to have achieved a finish!

5. Two laps of Yorkshire on a Monday.... absolutely correct John, the event got it completely wrong here and misjudged the effect of competitors and spectators getting together coming west away from the forests. this will not happen again, the lesson is well learned.

6. FISA points.... have not been awarded now for the last two years ... but, clearly with an anticipated reduction in the number of World Championship rallies, some have to go and we are all trying to ensure that ours is not one of them. Would anyone out there thank the organising committee for loosing World Championship status ???

7. Marshals.... early signing on is to ensure readiness by two hours before first car, that is the requirement. The Barkston Plastics asks readiness one and a half hours before, very little difference I suggest. Hanging around after the last car. All events try to close as soon as possible and the Lombard is much better now than it used to be. Setting up the day before. For a stage to start at 06.00 or even 08.00 there is little option. Again, many stages on the Barkston are set up the day before. Double standards was one charge in Hon Sec's piece. Careful John, the Barkston Plastics team ask for all these things, it isn't just Lombard.

8. Open and National Championships.... this is in the melting pot at the moment and no one is sure what is happening, but, doesn't it make sense to have one premier UK Rally Championship.....?

That was all defensive. Now lets consider the gain side of all this. The Lombard is the best rally in the world. Carlos Sainz said so at the prizegiving and as he has finished in the top three on most of them this year, he should know. Many other former winners, or others who compete all over the world express the same view.

Timing is more accurate than any other event.....fact
Safety, Rescue & Medical is better than anywhere else.....fact
Marshalling is years ahead of anywhere else.....fact
Event organisation is better than any other round.....fact
Crowd control is a joke on other rounds.....fact
Much that originates here is used by other rounds.....fact

Many other features could be included in this listing but that is probably enough for now. The only other event which comes anywhere near the Lombard overall is the Thousand Lakes.

Why does everyone think it is so good? It is the very commitment by many thousands of people (which is so often criticised) that makes it so.

I could go on but I will leave it there. One thing I can count on, John's and my differing views will not affect our friendship one little bit and we will no

doubt continue this discussion over a pint somewhere in the near future.

Your round John.....!

John H Richardson

(I would just like to take this opportunity to thank John for this reply to Hon Sec's piece, and I feel it may have answered one or two questions that have been asked of late amongst our membership. Again many thanks John - EDITOR)

Dear Editor

With regard to the December issue of the club magazine, you did ask for our comments re. a couple of the articles within.

John McNichol's article certainly caused me to think about the RAC Rally in a different light, and also about the return we get on our investment into the coffers of the RACMSA.

It strikes me that the RAC have a monopoly in this country as the "recognised" body that "represents" the interests of the competitors throughout the UK, it appears to me that we are not being represented in a correct and proper manner, we do not get to elect our own representatives to the rallies committee they are invited to sit on this committee by the other members. We live in a supposedly democratic society surely we are entitled to a greater say in how our sport is run.

These opinions are shared by Louis Liddle, club sec for Newcastle and District M.C., and I have John's permission to send him a copy of the article in order that he can broach the subject at a forthcoming club meeting.

Perhaps with more support from others we can have our say at the RAC, and

to this end would suggest that the matter is taken up with fellow member clubs of our regional association for their comments!

Richard Simpson mentioned the shortfall of marshals at Melbourne for the Lookout Rally, and I admit to not being present, but not without genuine reason.

One solution may be to request that all entrants on our events endeavour to supply, at least one friend, to marshal to ensure a smoother running of the event, not everyone will be able to comply and this is probably where my theory falls short of the mark unless anyone has a theory of their own which neatly avoids this complication.

I hope mine is not the only reply as everyone will have their own ideas to put forward but without input they may not get aired. Thanks to both John and Richard for opening our eyes to these matters.

NICK STEVENS.

Dear Editor

With reference to John McNicol's comments on the RAC Rally in the December magazine, I for one have finally seen the light. After ten years of marshalling on this event in one form or another, this year I shall be keeping warm and dry watching three days of rallying (no Yorkshire stages) and 10 drivers/cars in 15 minutes coverage on Grandstand.

Who makes up the bulk of the entry on this event - the clubmen! They have to put with the worst possible conditions on the stages. Out of the first 36 cars on the 1990 event, 34 were 4 wheel drive, and if Louise Aitken-Walker at no. 30 can comment that the stages were rough, they must have been like the World War One trenches for everyone else. I think it is about time they boycott this event to make the RAC stand up and take a long hard look at what they are doing to the sport.

Will Rebecca Simpson compose another poem about what she now thinks of the RAC I ask myself. This is because the RAC banned persons under the age of 16 years from marshalling on the 1990 event. I have known Richard and his family for a number of years and just about every event Richard and I have been out on Rebecca has been there too! She was disappointed to say the least to miss this event. I would not bother this year Rebecca....!

Is the RAC now trying to stop people marshalling on events, because this is surely one way to make people think twice. Maybe the RAC are thinking that if nobody is willing to marshal or organise events, they will not run and they will go the same way as road rallies. Then the RAC will have got their way again - kill off another section of motorsport to leave the way clear for their event!!

To Richard Simpson's comments on identification on the RAC Rally. When will the RAC realise that we are all equal and have to endure the same weather conditions, delays, etc., so we should all be given the same privileges. Radio operators get to stay in comfort in their cars and are able to get into another stage free of charge, while the humble marshal stands outside for the duration and gets nothing.

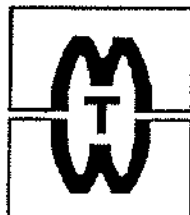
No more RAC Rally for me!!

S. Lancaster.

(Many thanks to these members for their contribution to this month's mag. I hope you will let me have some more reports for next month. - ED)

I have been asked to mention that the RACMSA is short of Timekeepers for all types of event. So if you are interested in becoming a registered Timekeeper let one of the Committee know and we will let you know how to get more information - EDITOR

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Autotest	PCT
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Road Rally	12-Car
Hillclimb	Treasure Hunt
Economy Run	Other:-

EVENT STATUS:

C CM R N I

ANCC round? Y/N

LARKSPEED League round? Y/N

ENTRANT Name: _____

RESULTS

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

It has been decided, by the Committee, to continue keeping the list of each member's abilities and experience.

This information will be held on a Computer, and will only be available to the Committee and organisers of Club events.

Abilities and experience (circle as appropriate).

Have you been a Steward on an event? Yes/No

Marshaling: Chief, Sector or Junction

Timekeeping: Chief, Start/Finish or Assistant

Scrutineering: Chief or Assistant

Noise Official: Yes/No

Radio: Controller, Operator or Listener

Competitor: Driver and/or Navigator

Organiser (can be more than one): Autotests, PCTs, Road, Forest or Social.

State any activities that you wish to become involved in:-

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Thank you.

For official use.

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MARSH THE MARSHALS' MUTTERINGS

It seems that the RAC requirement for marshals to be in place well in advance of the action has caused a fair amount of debate within the club. I think it is enough for me to say thank you to those people who should a POSITIVE attitude and actually turned up. Sitting on your backside and wingeing is not the way forward, a few constructive ideas would carry far more weight, as would a spot of action!! But it is time to climb down from the soapbox now and tell you about a couple of events coming up.

TALKLAND INTERNATIONAL RALLY - Sunday 24th February

We have got a 12 miler combination of Staindale and Bickley, to be run twice. First cars due at 04.25 and 08.55 with marshals in place 1-1/2 (one and a half) hours before - almost a last minute job !

John Renny is the Stage Commander with Barry Dove as DEputy. I'm the Safety Officer, if I don't have an accident beforehand.

YORK NATIONAL RALLY - Saturday March

Guess what ?? Staindale again. Like Boltby in the old days.

For a change the stage is only used once, at the very civilised time of 11.05. Marshals are to be in place by 09.30 so it is all quite leisurely. John Smallwood is the main man for this event, and he will be looking for people to cover a range of jobs. If you want to do a particular job have a word with John or myself before the best ones are all taken.

For either of these events you can contact the people named or have a word with me at most Clubnights. If anyone wants to try a specific job, or feels they need some training, speak to me and I will try to arrange something.

In the meantime keep on turning out, and don't forget to claim your trophy points and maybe you will be getting an award next dinner dance.

Stuart Marsh
CHIEF MARSHAL

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